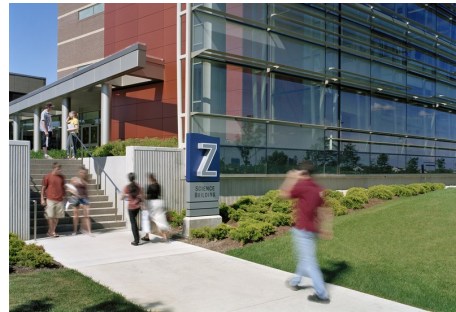


November 15, 2017

Help One More Student Stay

Written by Marianne Fontes, Ed.D., Associate Professor, English

Have you ever wondered why the student who is doing well in your class suddenly drops? Or why the student who was getting a "C" doesn't return after one poor test grade? The most troubling is the student who is passing all along and then just doesn't show up for the final. We've all had students in our classes who suddenly drop out, and we seldom get an explanation for their disappearance. We might attribute it to family problems, work issues, test anxiety, or unpreparedness; but the truth is that we may never know why. Conversely, there are a number of students who stay in our classes all semester long and who, unbeknownst to us, were on the verge of dropping out but chose not to. Like the students who leave our classes, we may never know what caused a student who was considering dropping to *stay* in our classes. [Continue reading...](#)



Interested in learning more or being a part of the "Help One More Student Stay" project in the spring? Email Marianne Fontes at mfontes@harpercollege.edu.

Exploring the Future of TEaCHing: Innovative TECHniques in Higher Education

In early November, nine adjunct faculty members involved in Communities of Practice and staff from the Academy for Teaching Excellence, traveled to Indianapolis for the 22nd Annual Facet Associate Faculty and Lecturer (FALCON) Conference. The conference, designed specifically for adjunct faculty and organized by Indiana University, focuses on practical classroom applications.



Looking for a tried and true review game? Ready to give students a way to interact the material as it is presented? Want to help your students learn how to transform our world? [Continue reading...](#)

Harper 50th Anniversary Retro Holiday Gathering for All Faculty/Staff

Join us for some holiday cheer as we celebrate Harper's proud past with the musical stylings of Peter Aglinskas, classical and jazz guitarist and adjunct faculty in the music department, playing music through the decades interspersed with festive favorites. Mingle with colleagues while enjoying a hot cocoa and cider bar and holiday treats.



- **Date:** Tuesday, December 5
- **Time:** 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Building A, Room A238 - Dining Room
- **RSVP**

We will once again be accepting donations of unwrapped toys, books, or winter clothing items for Salt Creek Elementary Celebration of Giving. [View a list of items that are needed](#) and help families experience the joy of giving.

Presented by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Human Resources, and the Academy for Teaching Excellence

Get inspired by the work of your peers- attend the Cornerstone Series Showcase!

Learn hands-on ways to make an impact with collaborative learning, incorporate pieces of "Making the 4 Connections in Your Classroom", create a course orientation in Blackboard Collaborate, and more!

- Thursday, November 30, 6 p.m., D242
- Friday, December 1, 9:30 a.m., D278

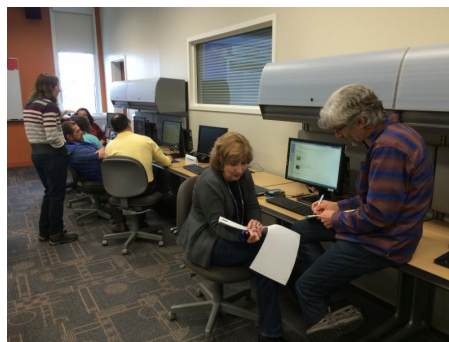


[Register to attend.](#)

Mark Your Calendars for Tech Fest

Learn how your colleagues have integrated technology in their courses. Learn how to access Office 365 to share resources with your colleagues, store your files in the cloud, and enhance your productivity. That's what Harper College's Tech Fest is all about! Join us for a round-up of integrated technology examples, the latest technology on campus, and more.

- **Date:** Wednesday, January 10, 2018
- **Time:** 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Location:** Building Y Megalab



If you are interested in sharing your innovative work during Tech Fest, please contact Chris Dobson at cdobson@harpercollege.edu.

Teaching Online Successfully: Create, Facilitate, & Enhance

Register now for Teaching Online Successfully for Spring 2018! There are three course options to choose from based on your needs-whether you're *developing* an online or blended course for the first time (Create), *teaching* an online or blended course for the first time (Facilitate), or if you're looking for tools and techniques to *enhance* your online course to encourage student engagement (Enhance). [View details and register.](#)



Did you miss *Teaching Naked's* José Bowen and his insights on student learning?

José Antonio Bowen, author of *Teaching Naked* and co-author of *Teaching Naked Techniques*, headlined Harper's 9th Annual Assessment Conference and Share Fair on Friday, September 29. Dr. Bowen shared his insights about student learning in two sessions: the keynote, "Assessment as Strategy: You Are What You Measure" and an extended workshop, "Teaching Naked Techniques: A Practical Workshop on Designing Better Classes." Additional fabulous information was presented at the conference by Vicki Atkinson, Anita Rehberg, Jennifer Godish, Lisa Blaylock, Julie Ellefson, and Khursheed Ichhaporia!



Did you miss the conference? You're in luck! Watch José Bowen's keynote address, review conference materials, and learn more about related sessions that will take place during Spring 2018 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week. [Learn more.](#)

We'd love to hear from you!

Share your ideas about the results and improving students' abilities related to [Diverse Perspectives & Cultures!](#)

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Upcoming Programs & Workshops

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Friday, December 1, 9:30 a.m.

[Retro Holiday Gathering for All Faculty/Staff](#)

Tuesday, December 5, 3 p.m.



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- [Faculty/Staff Appreciation Event: HarperStore](#)
- [Fall Career Changers Workshop Series](#)
- [#GivingTuesday](#)
- [Mindfulness Sitings](#)
- [One Book, One Harper 2017-18: Laughs](#)
- [Take 5: The Great Calendar and Magnet Giveaway](#)
- [50th Anniversary: Daily Herald Special Section](#)



Save the Date

January 9 - January 13, 2018: Spring 2018 Faculty/Staff Orientation Week

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